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MEMORANDUM FOR: RSI

SUBJECT : GIANT REACH Mission Planning Status

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1. [ ] informs that he talked with DCI following morning meeting and gleaned flowing points in addition to those passed to us earlier by Ed Proctor:

a. Main consideration at present is political. DCI has been in touch with Kissinger over past weekend and both feel situation too delicate to take overflight risks.

b. Intelligence need for updated data is recognized, however. Feeling is to have a mission as soon as there's a lessening of diplomatic tensions--possibly sometime next week (for purposes of our next planning cycle).

2. Sam asks that early next week we provide him with our views on the optimum time to try to have a mission that week so that he can assess it in light of the then prevailing political climate and decide whether to generate the mission planning cycle one more time.

3. On the question of 24- vs 48-hour standby status, Sam agrees with us that we should press for the 24-hour period being maintained.

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4. [ ] has been notified to standdown on any mission planning for this week. We'll pick up the pieces this afternoon or tomorrow on the planning steps for next week.

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5. I notified DIA [ ] at 1130 of the situation and the requirement to remain on 24-hour standby. He indicated he will so notify the operators.

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